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SUBJECT: IRISH RELATIONS WITH MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES

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1. GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND ANNOUNCED LATE YESTERDAY DEC. 12 THAT IRELAND IS ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT. FOR THE TIME BEING IRISH AMBASSADOR IN SWITZERLAND IS EXPECTED TO BE ACCREDITED TO ISRAEL AND THE IRISH AMBASSADOR TO ITALY WILL BE ACCREDITED TO EGYPT.

2. COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTRY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRENDAN NOLAN TOLD EMBASSY WEDNESDAY THAT THESE DIPLOMATIC LINKS WERE IN THE OFFING BUT THE PATH WAS SO TORTUOUS THAT THERE MAY BE LAST MINUTE HITCHES. AMONG OTHER PROBLEMS WAS THE FACT THAT NEITHER EGYPT NOT ISRAEL WANTED IRELAND'S NEW AMBASSADOR IN BEIRUT TO BE ACCREDITED TO THEM ON GROUNDS THAT THEY ARE TOO IMPORTANT TO ACCEPT

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NEW IRISH AMBASSADOR EAMONN O TUATHAILL IN BEIRUT WHO WILL PRE-

SUMABLY SEEK ACCREDITATION TO MOST OF THE "LESS IMPORTANT"
MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES.

3. PRESENT PLANS DO NOT INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RESIDENT
AMBASSADORS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, PARTLY ON GROUNDS THAT IT IS TOO
COSTLY AND PARTLY ON GROUNDS THAT THE IRISH FOREIGN SERVICE IS
ALREADY STRETCHED TOO THIN. NEIGHER THE EGYPTIAN NOR ISRAELI
AMBASSADORS IS EXPECTED TO BE RESIDENT IN DUBLIN. MOORE

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